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**Committee Bill No. 183**

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:  
(APP)

**AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE NONLAPSING VACCINE AND  
ANTIBIOTIC PURCHASE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-7j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 (a) Not later than September 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the  
4 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with  
5 the Commissioner of Public Health, shall (1) determine the amount  
6 appropriated for the following purposes: (A) To purchase, store and  
7 distribute vaccines for routine immunizations included in the schedule  
8 for active immunization required by section 19a-7f; (B) to purchase,  
9 store and distribute (i) vaccines to prevent hepatitis A and B in persons  
10 of all ages, as recommended by the schedule for immunizations  
11 published by the National Advisory Committee for Immunization  
12 Practices, (ii) antibiotics necessary for the treatment of tuberculosis and  
13 biologics and antibiotics necessary for the detection and treatment of  
14 tuberculosis infections, and (iii) antibiotics to support treatment of  
15 patients in communicable disease control clinics, as defined in section  
16 19a-216a; and (C) to provide services needed to collect up-to-date

17 information on childhood immunizations for all children enrolled in  
18 Medicaid who reach two years of age during the year preceding the  
19 current fiscal year, to incorporate such information into the childhood  
20 immunization registry, as defined in section 19a-7h, and (2) inform the  
21 Insurance Commissioner of such amount.

22 (b) Each domestic insurer or health care center doing life insurance  
23 or health insurance business in this state shall annually pay to the  
24 Insurance Commissioner, for deposit in the [General Fund] account  
25 established in subsection (e) of this section, a health and welfare fee  
26 assessed by the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to this section. Not  
27 later than October 1, 2003, the Insurance Commissioner shall  
28 determine the fee to be assessed against each such domestic insurer or  
29 health care center for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. Not later  
30 than October 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Insurance  
31 Commissioner shall determine the fee to be assessed against each such  
32 domestic insurer or health care center for the next fiscal year. Such fee  
33 shall be a percentage of the total amount appropriated, as identified in  
34 subsection (a) of this section, and shall be calculated on the basis of life  
35 insurance premiums and health insurance premiums and subscriber  
36 charges in the same manner as calculations under section 38a-48. Not  
37 later than November 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Insurance  
38 Commissioner shall submit a statement to each such insurer and health  
39 care center that includes the proposed fee for the insurer or health care  
40 center calculated in accordance with this section. As used in this  
41 section, "health insurance" means health insurance, as defined in  
42 subdivisions (1) to (13), inclusive, of section 38a-469.

43 (c) Any domestic insurer or health care center aggrieved by an  
44 assessment levied under this section may appeal therefrom in the same  
45 manner as provided for appeals under section 38a-52.

46 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the aggregate  
47 assessment under this section shall not exceed seven million one  
48 hundred thousand dollars. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the

49 aggregate assessment under this section shall not exceed seven million  
50 one hundred thousand dollars.

51 (e) There is established an account to be known as the "health and  
52 welfare fee account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account  
53 within the General Fund. The account shall contain the fee paid by  
54 each domestic insurer or health care center in accordance with  
55 subsection (b) of this section and any moneys required by law to be  
56 deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by  
57 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for the purposes  
58 of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2011	19a-7j
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a separate account for the existing vaccine and antibiotic purchase program described in sections 19a-7f to 19a-7j, inclusive, of the general statutes so that it is not a line item in the state budget.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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